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*** EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTES (by Tedd, KB8NW): This week's bulletin was sent out earlier than normal to accommodate the late CQWW DX SSB Contest announcements. Also, we wanted to provide the readers with a consolidated listing of the CQWW DX SSB Contest participants.

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Friday, 19th/October, through Friday, 26th/October there were 228 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E3, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9X, VP2E, VP2M, VP5, VP6, VP6/D, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, VU4, XE, XT, XW, XX9, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZL, ZL7, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3V8, TUNISIA. Operator SWL Ashraf "Ash", 3V4-002 (KF5EYY) will be active as 3V8SS from the "Radio Club Station of Tunisian Scouts" in Sousse during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or LX1NO. Read about Ashraf on the following Web page at: http://www.kf5eyy.info

4W, TIMOR-LESTE. Tae-su, DS3EXX, will be active as 4W/DS3EXX from East Timor (OC-148) between November 25th and December 2nd. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign direct or LoTW.

4X, ISRAEL. Operators Zvi/4X6FR and Moshe/4X1DX will be active as 4X1DX

from Kadima during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-Single/All-Band entry. QSL via 4X6OM.

5H, TANZANIA (Update to OPDX.1381/Reminder). Maurizio, IK2GZU, is now active again as 5H3MB and will return to the "Mission Ilembula" to do some work at the new hospital and orphanage. He will be there until November 28th. He plans to be active during his spare time on various HF bands. He will also be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) [field day style]as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. During his stay, Maurizio will use his FT-100 and the mission's TS-850 into a tri-band 3 element beam (20/15/10m) fixed on Europe and a vertical or dipole for the other bands. QSL via IK2GZU, direct or by the Bureau. Also, QSL via LoTW (after his return home) and eQSL. For more details, updates and an online log, visit his Web pages at: http://www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/Tanzania%202011.htm
http://www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/qsl%20request.htm

5W, SAMOA (Reminder/Also KH8). Operators Hiro/JF1OCQ and Mark/JJ1TBB will be active as 5W7X and 5W0TB, respectively, from Apia, Samoa (OC-097), between October 27th and November 6th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. They plan to make a side trip to American Samoa (KH8) and be active as W1VX/KH8 and KH8C. QSL 5W7X, 5W0TB and W1VX/KH8 via JF1OCQ, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. QSL KH8C via LoTW only (see QRZ.com).

A4, OMAN. Members of the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society (ROARS) will activate their contest station, A44A, in Muscat during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via A47RS. Operators mentioned are Ibrahim/7Z1IS, Khalid/A41CK, Jamal/A41JM, Hamed/A41KT, Adnan/A41LP, Mohammed/A41NN, Issa/A41NW, Amine/A41PG, Aasim/A41RF, A41RG, Mudhfer/A41RN, Aziz/A41RO, Talal/A41SS, San/A45TT, A45VB, Maher/HZ1BL and Tony/RT9T.

A5, BHUTAN. The Daily DX reports that Champ, E21EIC, has changed his callsign from A52C to A52IC. He was active on October 22nd and 23rd as A52C. From October 24-30th, he will be using A52IC. Plans are for him is to focus on the low bands and CW. QSL both callsigns via E21EIC and LoTW.

CB1, CHILE. Members of the Antofagasta Contest Group will be active as CB1H during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via XQ1KN or LoTW.

CN3, MOROCCO. Operators Ahmed/CN8WK, Saaid/CN8WW, Stefano/IK2QEI, Matteo/IK2SGC, Marco/IK2LFF, Filippo/IZ1LBG, Luca/IZ2ZOZ, Rolandas/LY4A, Petr/OK1FFU, OK1JTK, Jiri/OK1RI, Vaclav/OK1VVT and Norbert/OM6NM will be active as CN3A from Safi during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via LoTW or via IK2OHG. Visit their Web page at:
http://www.facebook.com/pages/CN3A/112969535390789

EF9, CEUTA AND MELILLA. Jorge, EA9LZ, will be active as EF9R from Ceuta during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via EA5KB direct or LoTW.

EK, ARMENIA. Boris, EK3GM, will be active from MARTUNI, NAGORNY KARABAKH, during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via his home callsign direct.

EK, ARMENIA. Arsen, EK6SI, will be active from Sisian during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) and CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign direct.

EK, ARMENIA. Ken, EK7DX, will be active from Yerevan during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) and CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via info on QRZ.com.

ES, ESTONIA. Members of the Estonian Radio Amateurs Union along with some international operators will be active as ES9C from Tartu during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via ES5RY or LoTW. Operators mentioned are Tonno/ES5TV, Arvo/ES2MC, Jüri/ES5JR, Toomas/ES5RY, Oleg/YL3DW, YL1ZF, Girts/YL2KL, Kristers/YL3AJA, Ranko/4O3A, Marko/4O9TTT, Pieter/ON1GPS, HA1BVG, Oskar/ES4NY, Tiit/ES4BG, Aleksander/ES1OX, Argo/ES6QC, Kristjan/ES7GM, Andy/ES2NA and Valeri/ES5QA.

ET, ETHIOPIA. Members of the Ethiopian Amateur Radio Society will be active as ET3AA from the Addis Ababa University, Institute of Technology, during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via N2OO.

HC, ECUADOR. Members of Quito Radio Club will be active as HC0E from Ecuador during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via HC1QRC.

IA0, ANTARCTICA. Danilo, IZ1KHY, will be involved in several scientific missions, research projects and some remote camps in the Antarctica as well as being active as IA0/IZ1KHY until the end of February 2019.

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-111. NEW IOTA! (Update) DX-World.net posted the following on October 25th: With just 10 days until the EL2EL/4* expedition gets underway, the team are pleased to report all our plans are coming together. * https://af111newiota.com/

You may not be aware this a 100% charity expedition meaning all donations raised go directly to MAF Liberia* an organization who fly the only humanitarian flight service in that country. In 2017, Liberia was ranked 4th poorest country** in the world.

* https://www.maf-uk.org/news/islands-on-the-air

** http://uk.businessinsider.com/the-25-poorest-countries-in-the-world-2017-3

Today, we are delighted to announce that 50% of our target has been raised and we thank everyone who has taken the time to donate and understand exactly what MAF do. Consider only £25 covers the cost of fuel for a 30 minute flight, then already 40 more flights have been secured through this charity expedition. Thanks a lot!

In addition to the above, we will also be bringing surplus reading glasses and mobile phones to Sasstown. We have been informed there's a real need for reading glasses in the rural elderly communities as such simple cheap devices can transform a person's basic well-being. Equally, the simplest of mobile phones, that we all discard as being old or outdated, can open up new opportunities for rural communities in Liberia, too.

We arrive in Sasstown, southern Liberia on the morning of November 5th. Plans are to set foot on Telengbe Island (IOTA AF-111NEW) before sunset that day. We'll be QRV on 40-30-20-17-15m using a combination of VDAs and vertical dipoles, all on 100W. Other bands will be checked time-to-time should openings occur. Mostly SSB will be used with some CW and possibly FT8.

Keeping in constant touch with local villagers and elders, we can also report the seas around the island have calmed since an earlier recce* trip so landing on Telengbe Island looks very promising.

* https://af111newiota.com/the-recce

You might be curious why we will use /4 in our callsign. Basically, we do not have to, but to emphasize we'll be on AF-111NEW it was thought prudent to distinguish this fact. (Liberia ham radio regions map*).

* https://af111newiota.files.wordpress.com/2018/09/screenshot-2018-09-02-at-20-33-05.png

Note: If you work EL2JB, this will be our mainland station if there are delays in landing on Telengbe or issues forcing us to come off early.

Behind the scenes, GMDX Group and GM0OBX have been very helpful. Together with Spiderbeam, we are very grateful to

them all.
This is our final news release prior to departure we look forward very much to working you!

* EL2EL/4 website - https://af111newiota.com
* Fund-raising website for MAF Liberia - https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/af111new

73 Eric EL2EF, Col MM0NDX & Jonathan MM0OKG

NA-249. NEW IOTA! Dave, EI9FBB, will be active as KP4/EI9FBB from Vieques Island, Puerto Rico, between October 24-28th. He will be located a great QTH on the right north side of the island with great sea views in most directions! Activity will be on 40/30/20/17 meter bands. He will concentrate on SSB for the first 2 days and CW during the CQWW DX SSB Contest, to focus on giving out this NEW IOTA group to as many unique chasers as possible. This is the 1st activity from one of the 6 new IOTA groups announced at the RSGB convention earlier this month. QSL Manager is Charles, M0OXO, and via Clublog's OQRS.

OC-144. Operators Burkhard/DL3KZA and Irfan/YE4IJ will be active as YE4/DL3KZA from Belitung Island between October 31st and November 11th. Activity will be holiday style on 20/17 meters (dependent on conditions) using SSB. QSL via DL3KZA.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For November). The following ISWL club callsigns will be used throughout the month of November 2018:

GX4BJC/A - Operated from Clacton on sea, in Essex, by George, G1IPU (/A WAB Square - TM11 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

MS1SWL/A and MM1SWL/A - Operated from Falkirk, in Scotland, by Brian, GM4XQJ. (/A WAB Square - NS97 - Scotland, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1234).

ALL QSLs will be handled by Dick, M5DIK - The QSL Manager and NOT the individual operator. The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club. All QSL info is on or or
or via . NO LoTW.

IY, ITALY. Look for special event station IY1EY to be active from Loano between November 3rd and December 31st. Activity is to commemorate the experiments conducted by Gugliemo Marconi from his yacht 'Elettra' in the Ligurian Sea between 1919 and 1936. Expect activity on CW, SSB and on all bands, including the WARC bands. A special QSL card is available via IK1QBT direct.

J4, GREECE. Members of the "Crows Contest Team" will be active as J42L from Argos Orestiko (KN00pl) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LoTW. Operators mentioned are Alexendros/SV2BXA, Thomas/SV2CLJ, Leonidas/SV2DCD, Panagiotis/SV2DSJ, Pantelis/SV2ESW, Harris/SV3AQO, Panos/SV3DCX, George/SV3QUP and Costas/SV4FFL.

J6, ST. LUCIA. Gary, K9AW, is once again active as J68GD from St. Lucia (NA-108) until February 2nd, 2019. He plans to be in both CQWW DX Contest in October (27-28th) and November (24-25th), as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entries. Activity outside of the contest will be on 160-10 meters using mainly CW with some SSB. QSL via K9AW direct or LoTW. He will make daily uploads to LoTW and ClubLog.

J8, ST. VINCENT ISLAND (Update). Operators Alan/K7AR, Richard/N7RO, Adrian/KO8SCA, John/VE7CT, Sandro/VE7NY and Ralph/VE7XF will be active as J8NY from St. Vincent Island (NA-109) between November 21-28th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They will also be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via VE7NY.

JT, MONGOLIA. After a 30 year absence, members of the Young Technicians' Castle will be active as JT1KAI during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-Op entry. Operators mentioned are Naran/JT1BV, Gantulga/JT1DR, Sharkhuu/JT1CH, Suhe/JT1BZ, Bayar/JT1BU, Sh./JT1CJ, Baatar/JT1GA and Assisted Genendorj Ch/JT1AP, R. Timur-Ochir/JT1BE, Batchuluun N/JT1BL, Oyunaa B/JT1CC, Khosbayar N/JT1CD, JT1CE, JT1CF, JT1CI, B. Mend/JT1CZ, B. Erdene-Ochir/JT1DE and Dash/JT1DN. QSL via JT1KAI.

PJ7, ST. MAARTEN. Phil, K0CD, will once again be active as PJ7/K0CD from Sint Maarten Island (NA-105) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/QRP entry. QSL via his home callsign. He plans to be on the day before the contest to check his setup.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (October 29th-November 4th).....

Oct/29th	AN	Nov/01st	HN	Nov/03rd	BN
Oct/30th	AN	Nov/02nd	AN	Nov/04th	DIS
Oct/31st	AN				

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

** REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE :
We are sad to report that the (REALTIME) Band Condition Web page is down or no more!! It seems that the Web page went down sometime in late September, after reading the messages on the site's Yahoo group . Your editor
has been trying to contact the author of the site but hasn't heard anything back yet. Let's hope that it comes back up again.

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites:
* VOACAP predication Web page at: http://www.voacap.com/hf
* DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: https://dx.qsl.net/propagation
* A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
* SolarHam Web page: http://www.solarham.net
* Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at:
http://sunspotwatch.com
* Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....
QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF <>

>> >>> Sorry, no QSL-Infos Sunday Oct. 28, 2018 <<
Will return next week.....

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....
https://clublog.org/logsearch/XT2SZZ

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4X/AI9O, C8T, CE3PG, DT8A (AN-010), F4BVO, F6EQZ, H40D (OC-179), H44R (OC-168), H44R/P (OC-158), HP3AK, JG7PSJ, LU3HY, OY1OF, OZ0SR, PJ5/SP2FUD, PY2PRB, RI0B (AS-054), RI0B (AS-104), RI0B (AS-121), S59A, T88UW, VE2NMB, VE5MX, VE9HF, VK8NSB, VK9XG, VP6D, XW4XR and ZD9CW

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: JW6VDA, PJ5/SP2FUD, V6J (OC-254) and ZB2LGT

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!!

STANDARD TIME. Remember to change your clocks next weekend! Countries who observe Daylight Saving Time (DST), which took place on Sunday, March 11th, are now expected to move their "local clocks" backward 1 hour on Sunday, November 4th, from 2:00 AM local time to 1:00 AM. In 2019, Daylight Saving Time (DST) will again go into effect on Sunday, March 10th, at 2:00 AM local time. For the history and details about ST and DST, as well as an interesting map of the world (showing the countries who observe DST), see:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Standard_time
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight_saving_time
http://www.timeanddate.com/time/dst/2018.html
https://www.timeanddate.com/time/change/usa?year=2019
ADDED NOTE: Hopefully, all amateur radio operators know NOT to change their GMT/UTC/ZULU clocks. However, since most operators usually set their computers to local time, some may have to change their settings on "some" ham radio software (ex. logging, propagation, DXTelnet, etc..) programs.

SX2, GREECE. Members of the Northern Greece Amateur Group and group of Serbians will be active as SX2X from Hellas during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LoTW. Operators mentioned are Hrane/YT1AD, Dragan/YT3W, YT5AKI, Markovic/YU1AU, Ilias/SV2HTI, Yiannis/SV2HXV, Andreas/SV2JAO, Vangelis/SV2BFN, Archelaos/SV2KBB, Fotis/SV2BXZ and Akis/SV7CLI.

T42, CUBA. Members of the Havana Contest Group will be active as T42T from Havana, Cuba, during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-Single/All-Band (80-10m)/High-Power entry. Operators mentioned are Jorge/CO2II, Juan/CO2JD, Bob/CO2KL, Jim/WB2REM, and Mark/WY1G. QSL via direct to: JAMES I MILLNER, 7010 GULLOTTI PLACE, PORT ST LUCIE, FL, 34952, USA.

TT8KO DXPEDITION NEWS. It was reported on October 24th, that Ken, LA7GIA, who had his TT8KO operation shut-down by the national security police about two weeks ago, was expected to leave on a flight on October 25th. Ken states, "I received the news that I can leave Chad immediately." He was also told that he can not transmit and all of his antennas must be taken down before sunset on October 24th. He was also advised that there will be a presidential event at the hotel tomorrow, and the president would be there. The hotel was already packed with VIPs, police and military personnel. Read the complete story in this weeks ARRL Letter or on the ARRL Web page at:
http://www.arrl.org/news/view/detained-norwegian-radio-amateur-now-allowed-to-leave-chad

V2, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA. Operators Roger/K1DQV, Maurice/K3EJJ, Phil/K3TUF, Brian/N3OC (V26OC), Rol/K3RA (V26RA) and Sam/WT3Q will be active as V26B from Antigua (NA-100) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-Multi entry with 3 stations on the air. QSL via LoTW or KA2AEV direct.

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS (Update). Masa, JA0RQV, will be active as V73MT from a small seaside bungalow on Majuro Atoll (OC-029) between October 26-29th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW and SSB. He also plans to be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th). Equipment is an IC-7000 w/100 watts into a vertical antenna. QSL via M0OXO < http://www.m0oxo.com>. For more details and updates, see:

https://blog.goo.ne.jp/rqv/c/4c978fc4fc12a76cfb8c9c469cd13da5

VP6D DUCIE ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS. The VP6D team continues to be active from Ducie Island (OC-182) until November 3rd. The team has been very active on 160-15 meters, using SSB, CW, and FT8. With all the rain and storms which hampered the ability of the VP6D team to erect additional antennas, the team is still in good spirits.

The Ducie Team sent out the following late October 25th: The rain stopped and our tents and clothes are drying off.

Important Request:

We know Ducie is an ATNO for many DXers.

However, we are seeing far too many dupes. People are working us and a few minutes later working us again, the ops are getting a bit frustrated.

DXA availability depends on 2 Ducie Island networks that are subject to intermittent outage. If either network drops out DXA does not do a refresh to pick up missing calls.

Please check the VP6D log at: pdxg.net before duping us on the same band / mode. We really need your help with this request. We have at least 7 more days on the island.

VP6D will be operating the contest during CQWW SSB, good luck in the contest.

All stations are operational, all antennas are in good condition.

Thanks for your help..... Team Ducie 2018

As this was being written on October 26th, at 1413z, the VP6D team [per] has made 56824 QSOs (32559/CW, 16130/SSB and 8135/DIGI).

Per their Web page, October 26th, at 1400z, they made 53778 QSOs and 15674/Uniques. Mode QSOs: 28743/CW, 10867/FT8, 2/PSK, 646/RTTY and 13520/SSB. Continent QSOs: 267/AF, 0/ANT, 7236/AS, 13630/EU, 30217/NA, 765/OC and 1663/SA. They are uploading the log to their Web page - use Log Search tab. They will not use ClubLog and there is no Leaderboard. For more details and updates, see the following URLs:

VP6D Web page: https://www.vp6d.com
VP6D FaceBook page: https://www.facebook.com/VP6D-Ducie-2018-1470984209616170
VP6D Twitter page : https://twitter.com/VP6D_2018

YW4, VENEZUELA. Paolo, YV1DIG, will be active as YW4D during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m) entry. QSL via LoTW or EA7JX. He states that he will be on before and after the contest on 160-6 meters and FT8 on 160m listening for JAs.

Z23MD ZIMBABWE DXPEDITION NEWS (2018 The New Adventure For the Mediterraneo DX Club). [Update] The MDXC team should be active by the time you read this. Operators are Ant/IZ8CCW (Leader), Gabriele/I2VGW (Co-leader), Marco/IZ2GNQ, Michel/F5EOT, François/ON4LO, Gabi/YO8WW, Eric/ON7RN, Azzali/IK4QJF, Henri/F1HRE, Dario/IZ4UEZ, Andrea/IK5BOH, Karl/OE3JAG, Adrian/KO8SCA, Sarath/VU3RSB, Wlodek/SP6EQZ, Axel/DL6KVA, Les/SP3DOI and Gerd/DJ5IW will be active as Z23MD until November 6th. Activity will be on various HF bands and modes. They will also be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via IK2VUC. The official Web site is online at: http://www.mdxc.org/z23md
http://www.mdxc.org/z23md/2018/10/19/cqww-ssb

Z6, KOSOVO. Operators Jeremy/EI5GM and Dave/EI9FBB will be active as

Z6/EI5GM and Z6/EI9FBB, respectively, from Kosovo between October 30th and November 5th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW and SSB. They will be using a Cushcraft X7 and wire antennas, while operating from a QTH high on the Mountains above Kosovo. QSL Z6/EI5GM via M0OXO's OQRS. QSL Z6/EI9FBB via his home callsign.

The following stations are expected to be active in the
CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th, 2018)

Thanks to Bill, NG3K, for providing OPDX readers with the following consolidated listing of the participants in the 2018 CQWW DX SSB Contest. For a more detailed listing (and up-to-date changes/corrections) in HTML format, please visit Bill's Web page at:

http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqs2018.html (By callsign)
http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqsd2018.html (By entity)
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The CQ World-Wide DX Contest Web page and rules:
http://www.cqww.com/rules.htm

Contest Callsign	DXCC Entity	CQZ	Class	QSL Route
3V8SS	Tunisia	33	SOAB LP	LoTW; QSL via LX1NO
4L2M	Georgia	21	SOSB 20M	EA7FTR
4X1DX	Israel	20	M/S	4X6OM
5H3MB	Tanzania	37	SOAB	IK2GZU
7Q6M	Malawi	37	SO	K6ZO
8P1W	Barbados	08	SOAB LP	KU9C
8P5A	Barbados	08	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via HA1AG
9H3HZ	Malta	15	SO	LoTW; QSL via TA1HZ (d)
9K2K	Kuwait	21	SOAB HP	EC5AC
9Y4D	Trinidad & Tobago	09	SOSB 15M	9Y4D
A44A	Oman	21	M/M	A47RS
A5A	Bhutan	22	M/?	(C); QSL via JH1AJT
A73A	Qatar	21	M/M	M0OXO
AH2R	Guam	27	M/?	LoTW
B4T	China	24	M/M	BA4TB
BV2A/3	Taiwan	24	M/?	QSL via CRA (QRZ.com)
C4A	Cyprus	20	M/?	LoTW; QSL via 5B4KH & (C)
CB1H	Chile	12	M/?	XQ1KN
CN3A	Morocco	33	M/?	IK2OHG
CQ3W	Madeira	33	SO	(C)
CR2L	Azores	14	SOAB	LoTW
CR3DX	Madeira	33	M/S	OM2VL
CR5E	Portugal	14	M/S	CT1ILT
D4C	Cape Verde	35	M/?	LoTW; QSL via IK2NCJ & HB9DUR & (e)
DQ5M	Denmark	14	M/2	
DY0MK	Philippines	27	M/?	
E44WE	Palestine	20	SOSB 20M	SP9FIH
EA9LZ	Ceuta & Melilla	33	SO	LoTW; QSL via EA5KB
ED8W	Canary Islands	33	M/?	LoTW
EK3GM	Armenia	21	SO	LoTW
EK6SI	Armenia	21	SOAB LP	EK6SI (d)
EK7DX	Armenia	21	SOAB LP	See QRZ.com
ES9C	Estonia	15	M/2	LoTW; QSL via ES5RY
ET3AA	Ethiopia	37	M/S	N2OO
FG4KH	Guadeloupe	08		LoTW; QSL via F1DUZ
FY5KE	French Guiana	09	M/2	LoTW
GD9W	Isle of Man	14	SOAB	M0DXR
GS7V	Shetland Islands	14	M/2	N3SL
GU3HFN	Guernsey	14	SOAB LP	GU8ITE; QSL via RSGB (B)
HB9H	Switzerland	14	M/S	HB9CXZ
HC0E	Ecuador	10	M/M	HC1QRC
IF9A	Sicily	15	M/?	IT9WDC
IQ0RM	Italy	15	M/S	LoTW
IT9VDQ	Sicily	15	SOSB 10M	IT9VDQ
J42L	Greece	20	M/S	LoTW

J69GD	St. Lucia	08	SOSB 20M	LoTW; QSL via (C)
JT1KAI	Mongolia	23	M/S	JT1KAI (d)
KH6J	Hawaii	31	M/?	LoTW
KH7M	Hawaii	31	SOAB	KH6ZM
KP2M	U.S. Virgin Islands	08	M/?	LoTW
KP3Z	Puerto Rico	08	SOAB	
KP4RV	Puerto Rico	08	SOSB 20M	LoTW; QSL via (C)
LU8YE	Argentina	13	M/2	LoTW; QSL via IK2DUW
NH7A	Hawaii	31	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via WA6WPG (d), others F5VHJ (d); (C/REF-B)
OH5Z	Finland	15	M/M	LoTW
NP2P	U.S. Virgin Islands	08	SO	LoTW
OX7A	Greenland	40	M/?	LoTW
OZ5E	Denmark	14	M/S	LoTW; QSL via OZ5E (d)
OZ0TX	Denmark	14	M/S	DL7AT
P40T	Aruba	09	SOAB HP	VE3DZ
P40W	Aruba	09	SOAB LP	LoTW; QSL via N2MM (d/NB)
PJ2T	Curacao	09	M/M	W3HNK
PJ4G	Bonaire	09	M/?	WA2NHA
PJ4Q	Bonaire	09	M/?	W4PA
PJ7AA	Sint Maarten	08		
PJ7PL	Sint Maarten	08	SO LP	N2HX; QSL via WA1ZAM
PY0F	Fernando de Noronha	11	M/S	LoTW; QSL via (C) & PY7RP (d)
PZ5K	Surinam	09	M/?	G3NKC
S9CT	Sao Tome & Principe	36	SOAB LP	CT1BOL
SX2X	Greece	20	M/S	LoTW
SZ1A	Greece	20	M/2	LoTW
T42T	Cuba	08	M/S	WB2REM
T42W	Cuba	08	M/?	
TO1J	Martinique	08	SOAB	JF2QNM
V26B	Antigua	08	M/M	KA2AEV
V47X	St. Kitts & Nevis	08	SOSB 20M	M0URX
V73MT	Marshall Islands	31	SO	M0OXO
VK3HF	Australia	30	M/?	LoTW; QSL via M0OXO
VP2MDG	Montserrat	08	M/S	LoTW
VP5W	Turks & Caicos	08	M/S	LoTW; QSL via KD3TB
VP9/K4AJA	Bermuda	05	M/?	
VP9I	Bermuda	05	M/?	WW3S
VR2XAN	Hong Kong	24	SOSB 80M	VR2XAN
WH8/DL2AH	American Samoa	32		DL2AH
WP3Q	Puerto Rico	08	SOAB LP	N3IQ
XT2SZZ	Burkina Faso	35	M/S	S59ZZ
YE2A	Indonesia	28	M/?	LoTW
YJ0CA	Vanuatu	32	SO	VK2YUS (d)
YW4D	Venezuela	09	SOSB 15M	LoTW; QSL via EA7JX
Z23MD	Zimbabwe	38	M/2	LoTW; QSL via IK2VUC
ZF1A	Cayman Islands	08	M/2	LoTW; QSL via K6AM
ZF9CW	Cayman Islands	08	SO	K5GO (d)
ZW5B	Brazil	11	M/M	K3IRV

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